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: EXAMINER: WRIGHT

FOR: THIOPYRAN COMPOUNDS AS INHIBITORS OF MMP

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 15, 2002. Applicants elect, with traverse,

the Group defined as:

Claims 1-17, drawn to compounds in formula (I) wherein

R1 is as defined, (namely, lower alkyl, halogen, optionally substituted
heterocyclic group or optionally substituted aryl)

R2 is as defined, (namely, carboxy, protected carboxy or amidated carboxy)

Ar is thienyl

A is ethylene or trimethylene

X is as defined, (namely, oxa or a single bond)

Y is as defined, (namely, thia, sulfinyl or sulfonyl)

Z is methylene, and

m and n are as defined.

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wright for the helpful discussions with their undersigned Representative on August 13, 2002 and August 20, 2002. In addition, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Wright for the indication that the newly defined Group would be examined on the merits.